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LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement concerning the framework agreement signed between the armed FRUD and the Government of Djibouti issued on 21 February 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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of Portugal to the United Nations

ANNEX

Statement concerning the framework agreement signed between the armed FRUD and the Government of Djibouti issued on 21 February 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the signing on 7 February last of a framework agreement for reform and civil concord, which envisages the suspension of hostilities between government and rebel forces, as well as the liberation of prisoners held by both sides.

It hopes that this agreement, coming after the one signed in December 1994, may contribute to reinforcing civil peace and consolidating democracy and the development process in Djibouti.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.